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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

December 10, 1997

Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Jan Fort
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 704
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Memorandum of Lease Agreement

Dear Ms. Fort:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301 (a) are two (2) originals and two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, dated May 23, 1997, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:


Lessor: First Union Rail Corporation
One O'Hare Center
6250 River Road, Suite 5000
Rosemont, IL 60018

Lessee: Railtex, Inc.
4040 Broadway, Suite 200
San Antonio, TX 78209

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is set forth on Exhibit A, as attached to such Memorandum.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$24.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee. Kindly return one (1) stamped original of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Kathy Dombrowski
Manager-Documentation

Enclosures
(RTEX006)

· ASSIGN: RTE006

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (the "Memorandum") is made and entered into as of this the 23rd day of May, 1997, by and between First Union Rail Corporation ("Lessor"), a North Carolina corporation, and Railtex Services, Inc. ("Lessee").

W I T N E S S E T H:

The undersigned Lessor and Lessee have entered into that certain Lease Agreement, dated as of May 23, 1997, whereby Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee certain railcars being described in more particular on Exhibit A attached, hereto, effective as of the date set forth above and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of said Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed under seal by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

LESSOR:

FIRST UNION RAIL CORPORATION

By: 

Name: JOHN J. THOMAS

Title: PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

By: 

Name: ROBERT C. HAMILTON

Title: DIRECTOR-DOCUMENTATION

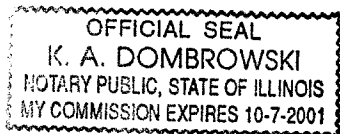
Executed on this 18th day of Nov., 1997.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

I, K. A. DOMBROWSKI, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that JOHN J. THOMAS personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 18th day of NOVEMBER 1997.



K. A. Dombrowski
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

10 / 7 / 2001
(Notary Public)

LESSEE:

RAILTEX SERVICES, INC.

By: Laura D. Daves

Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

[CORPORATE SEAL]

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

I, D. J. WIEST, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that LAURA D. DAVES personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 6th day of NOV, 1997.

D. J. Wiest
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

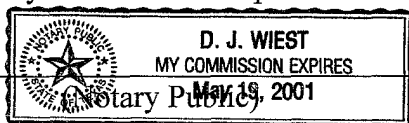


EXHIBIT A
to
Memorandum of Lease

Fifty (50) Centerpartition Railcars

Car Numbers

CRLE 20400 -- 20449